

COPPERHAUNK WAS A FAMOUS SPRING

A Century and More Ago the Resort of the Wealthy and Fashionable.

HORSE RACES AND CIRCUS

Summer City That Was Enjoyed by Old-Timers Before Railroad Days.

WAVERLY, VA., June 1.—I have been out to Copperhaunk Spring. Did you ever hear of Copperhaunk Spring? Maybe not. Only a limited number of the people of this day and generation have ever been made aware that such a spring is in existence. A hundred years ago it was different. About that time every man, woman and child living in Virginia and North Carolina, east of the Blue Ridge Mountains, knew all about Copperhaunk Spring, for it was a most interesting and noted place.

I have been out to the old spring and found it running just as hotly and the water just as palatable as a hundred years ago, and I saw near it the mounds that mark all that is left of the bricks and timber of the cottages and homes around it, which a hundred years ago were famous. Copperhaunk Spring flows from a

in the bunch to make the mile at an hour in less than about four and a half minutes. Those were the days when weights were not so evenly adjusted, and when wind shields are unknown, and every horse ran on his own merits, with but little regard to the tactics of the rider or the driver.

The Circus in Its Glory.

Copperhaunk, with its two thousand summer visitors, was attractive to the owners and managers of the old-time circus that traveled through the country in wagons. Old John Robinson, away back in the forties and the early fifties, always booked Copperhaunk for a week's stand, and so did "Yankee" Robinson, and so did Barnum. Each of these three shows was sure to be at Copperhaunk a week every summer, and all of them did a land office business, for every cottager and all of his family at Copperhaunk had plenty of money, and they were there for fun and amusement, as well as health and comfort, and they everlastingly doted on a circus as an amusement.

Railroads killed Copperhaunk. But along in the fifties the Norfolk and Petersburg Railway was built, and so was the Southern Railway, and so was the East Tennessee and Virginia Railway, making a through line from Norfolk to the Tennessee line, which is now known as the Norfolk and Western. This railway building soundly of the death knell of Copperhaunk. The rich families of Eastern Virginia and North Carolina thought it would be more stylish to go to the springs in the mountains to have a good time in the summer and go by rail and stop at the new hotels instead of living in their own cottages at the edge of the swamp at Copperhaunk. Maybe they were right, as to the style of the thing, but I doubt if they ever afterwards had as much fun. Do this as it

Church, and will be the guest of Mrs. Mary Lawrence during his stay.

One of the most interesting social features of the past week was the marriage of Miss Lillian Amelia Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, to Mr. Harvey Addison Usher, which took place in Fairmount Baptist Church Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. John Earl officiated. An elegant reception was tendered the young couple and attendants Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, 1101 North Twenty-second Street. Mr. and Mrs. Usher are spending their honeymoon in Norfolk, Va., and are taking in the Jamestown Exposition.

Mr. L. W. Pollard has accepted a position on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad at Newport News, and will make his home there in the future. The committee, Mrs. Hugh J. Paylor, Mrs. John R. Jeter and Mrs. J. Russell Gentry, have arranged an attractive and pleasing program for "Children's Day" exercises, which will be held this morning at 11 o'clock at Fairmount Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickles, who formerly lived here for several years, but who have been making their home in Barton Heights for the past year, have again taken up their residence here, and have taken the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Roney.

Mrs. George Troxler, who fell and painfully injured her arm while assisting in decorating the church for the Smith-Usher marriage last Monday, is getting along nicely under the care of Dr. William Parker.

Mrs. J. Aubrey Enos entertained the Ladies' Social Club in her home Monday evening. Miss Rena Beadles, of Hanover county, is the guest of Mrs. Eddie Smith, of Twenty-second Street. Mrs. Lella Gamble, who has been

and to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of his parents' marriage.

The Linwood Social Club met Thursday evening in the home of Miss May Carr. The evening was pleasantly spent in social intercourse, interspersed with music and games. The club decided to give a picnic at Lakeside on Whit Monday, and invited all the members and their friends to go with them. An "ice" party was given a few evenings ago in the home of Miss Susie Arnall, of Twenty-third Street, by a number of her young friends. Music, both vocal and instrumental, with parlor games served to enliven the occasion. Refreshments were served at 11 o'clock, after which the merry crowd dispersed.

Mrs. M. M. Carr and her daughter, Miss May Carr, recently entertained a number of the latter's young friends. The evening was spent in vocal and instrumental music and parlor games. At a late hour dainty refreshments were served.

Barton Heights.

Miss Clara Thomas, of Baltimore, has returned after a visit to her aunt in Montebello Avenue.

Mr. John H. White, Jr., has returned to his home on Lamb Avenue from Clifton Forge, where he has been visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wintersmith, of Kentucky, who have been visiting in Old Point, Va., are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cosby, of Virginia Avenue.

Miss Nannie Starritt, of Body Camp, Bedford county, Va., is the guest of Miss Ollie Snyder, of Lamb Avenue.

Mr. L. E. Briggs, of Ashland, Va., is visiting Mr. W. G. Mosby, of Virginia Avenue.

Mr. W. S. White, of Clifton Forge, is visiting his parents, of Lamb Avenue. Miss Jennie Holmes has returned to Goodland after a pleasant visit to Miss Mattie Smith, of North Avenue.

Mr. John Wilkins, of Columbia, Va., who has been visiting relatives on North Avenue, has returned.

Mr. Frank Saunders, who has been visiting relatives in Wilson, N. C., has returned.

Mrs. Allen J. Black has returned to Roanoke, Va., after a visit to her mother, Mrs. Fannie M. Saunders, of Barton Avenue.

Mrs. F. J. Saunders, of Wilson, N. C., who has been visiting Mrs. S. P. Jones, of Luck Avenue, has returned.

Mr. Ernest Trice, of Fork Union Academy, is the guest of Mr. Madison Flanagan, of North Avenue.

Mr. H. L. Elliott and wife have returned to their home on North Avenue from a pleasant trip to Memphis, Atlanta and Tampa, Fla.

Mr. Henry Franklin, of Baltimore, Md., who has been visiting relatives in Miller Avenue, has returned.

Mr. G. W. Richards, of Island Ford, Rockingham county, is visiting his son, Mr. F. D. Richards, of Virginia Avenue.

Miss Claude McDonald, of Pinato, Va., is visiting Miss Nannie Mason, of Lamb Avenue.

Mr. C. E. Redd, of Danville, Va., is visiting his brother, Mr. John H. Redd, of Roberts Street and Luck Avenue.

Miss Nannie Mason, of Brunswick county, Va., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Woodward, of Lamb Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Lewis, of Keo, Ark., are visiting his sister, Mrs. N. B. Croxon, of Montebello Avenue.

The Rev. Mr. C. M. Scott, who has been visiting Rev. C. P. Scott, of Virginia Avenue, has returned to Suffolk.

Miss Amanda Lewis has left for her home in Norfolk after a visit to relatives in Lamb Avenue.

The Misses Hardin, of Jeffersonville, Ky., who have been visiting his aunt, Mrs. W. K. Bache, of Lamb Avenue.

Mrs. J. W. Whitmore and daughter, of Lexington, Va., are visiting Mrs. A. F. Perrin, of Montebello Avenue.

Mr. Robert Smithers, of Dinwiddie, has returned to his home after a visit to Mrs. M. E. Smithers, of Griffin Avenue.

Mr. Jake Kearnes, of Bedford county, is the guest of Mrs. W. T. Conner, of North Avenue.

Mr. Frank Cosby, of Williamsburg, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Emma Cosby, of North Avenue.

The Rev. Mr. Wright, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wright, of North Avenue, has returned to his home in Wachapreague, on the Eastern Shore.

Miss Nora White, of Louisa, who has been visiting relatives in Miller Avenue, has returned.

Mrs. Graham, of Medlock, Va., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. P. Jones, of Luck Avenue.

Miss Leota Davenport, of York Street, will leave soon for Tampa, Fla., to spend some time.

Miss Maud Jenkins has returned to her home in Norfolk after a visit to relatives in Montebello Avenue.

Miss Minnie Morris, of Amelia Court-house, has returned after a visit to Mrs. Charles Williams, of North Avenue.

Mr. Henry Jones has returned to his home in Norfolk, Va., after a visit to relatives in Montebello Avenue.

Mr. James Willis has returned to his home in Fluvanna county after a visit to Mr. Frank Harris, of North Avenue.

Mrs. J. G. Cole, of Ashland, who has been visiting Mrs. O. M. Moores, of Luck Avenue, has returned.

Fulton News.

Miss Mayme Jordan and Mr. Dalton Shreevogst were married Wednesday afternoon at Fulton Baptist Church. Rev. David Hepburn officiating. The couple are well known and popular young people of this section of the city. They are now on a wedding tour of the Northern cities and will be at home to their friends on Thirty-fourth Street on their return.

Messrs. N. L. and W. B. Crocker and Miss Annie Crocker, of Isle of Wight county, were recent guests of Mr. E. Craddock on Louisiana Street.

Mrs. Aurelia Hardin, Mrs. Ida Kline, Mrs. Nannie Wade, Mrs. Maud Cane, Mrs. Annie Wilkerson, Miss Lila Wilcox and Miss Mary McCall, who attended the meeting of the State Council of the Daughters of Liberty in Washington last week, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vaughan, of Roanoke, were the guests of Mrs. Vaughan's parents, Sergeant and Mrs. Robert Brown, several days at week. Macon Bailey has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Sussex county.

John Bolrine, of the Ward Line of steamers, is visiting his mother on Graham Street.

First Offering of 100,000 Shares OF THE STOCK OF THE Mines Venture Syndicate of America

Incorporated Under the Laws of Arizona.
Capital \$2,000,000. Shares Par Value \$1.00 Each

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The 2,000,000 shares were all placed in the Treasury. No stock was or will be donated to the promoters of the syndicate.

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Subscription Lists Open June 6th. Close June 11th.

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Shares will be allotted as subscriptions are received, and money will be refunded after allotment has been exhausted, or the Directors may decide to allot the shares pro rata.

THE MINES VENTURE SYNDICATE OF AMERICA

Was organized and incorporated January 15, 1906. The purposes of the Company are: The exploration, development and operation of mines, the purchase and sale of mineral rights, the acquisition of land in mining districts, for the formation of town sites, to promote and foster any and all interests pertaining to the acquisition and development of mines.

The Syndicate will operate along the lines and pursue the same business methods as the two foremost companies engaged in mining, The Venture Corporation of London, England, and the Guggenheim Exploration Company.

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Fac-Simile Affidavit as to the Properties Owned by the Syndicate

E. Shurley Wilson and Joseph Foxton, being first duly sworn, doth depose and say that they are the President and Secretary, respectively, of THE MINES VENTURE SYNDICATE OF AMERICA, and they hereby state that the above Company has in its possession deeds to the following mining properties: The "ANACONDA," "CALUMET," "VERDIL," "VERDIL EXTENSION," "COPPER QUEEN," "COPPER BRONZE" and "NATIVE COPPER," "THE SOLDIER BOY," "SALIE ANN," "MARY ANN" and "MOTHER LODGE," also, a deed to a one-fourth (1/4) interest in the "PINK ROSE" and "MOUNTAIN SHEEP." All of the above mentioned properties being located in the county of Modoc, State of California, in the Hoag Mining District.

We also have deed to the following property: The "JAMES MONROE" and "DAISY FRACTION" and deeds to a one-half (1/2) interest in the "COMSTOCK," "STRATTON," "MISPAW," "YELLOW JACKETS," "GOLD HILL," "DIXIE QUEEN" and "BELLE OF THE WEST," located in Lake county, Oregon, in Windy Hollow District.

(Signed) E. Shurley Wilson (President).
(Signed) Joseph Foxton (Secretary).

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of May 1907.

Notary Public.

THE SYNDICATE IS NOW OPERATING

Principally in the mineral districts of Hoag and Windy Hollow. These are situated at the intersection of Northwestern Nevada, Northwestern California and Southeastern Oregon. They are 20 miles apart, and are only a few miles from the Nevada State line.

The Hoag and Windy Hollow Mining Districts are the two latest, and, without question, the greatest discoveries in the mining world as yet known, and the greatest known deposits of mineral wealth they contain, and the values already proven, will soon result in their recognition as equaling, if not exceeding, all other mining districts in the production of gold, silver and copper.

These are mining districts as Goldfield, Tonopah, Bullfrog and Manhattan. They are of the same general formation, the character of the ores are the same, but of far richer values, and are found in much greater quantities. The Hoag and Windy Hollow Mining Districts are also much larger and more extensive. Every miner, prospector and mining engineer who has visited them is of the opinion that the Hoag and Windy Hollow Mining Districts will be more famous, and their mines more productive, than those in either Goldfield, Tonopah, Bullfrog, Manhattan, or the great mines of Mexico, Australia or South Africa, and the values of the mines in Hoag and Windy Hollow will be greater than in any of those countries.

COPPER PROPERTIES

The "ANACONDA," "CALUMET," "VERDIL," "VERDIL EXTENSION," "COPPER QUEEN," "COPPER BRONZE" and "NATIVE COPPER" are a group of seven copper properties, located in Copper Mountain six miles below the gold zone of Hoag, and the Syndicate expects to open up in this section one of the largest copper producing districts of the world. The work already done on these and adjoining properties indicates and furnishes indisputable evidence of unusual richness in copper values. Numerous assays taken in development work show values of from 6 per cent. to 85 per cent. copper, with small values in gold and silver.

The "JAMES MONROE" and "DAISY FRACTION" are a group of two silver properties, located in the Hoag Mining District. The "COMSTOCK," "STRATTON," "MISPAW," "YELLOW JACKETS," "GOLD HILL," "DIXIE QUEEN" and "BELLE OF THE WEST," located in Lake county, Oregon, in Windy Hollow District.

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COPPERHAUNK SPRING, AS IT APPEARS TO-DAY.

little hillock in the edge of a dense swamp, two and a quarter miles from this town, in Sussex county. The immediate surroundings are not especially inviting as the lowlands, and the red-breaks all around seem to be near relatives, maybe an off-shoot of the great Oseama Swamp, not very many miles away, and yet a century and more ago Copperhaunk had a reputation that was as wide and as high-standing as the Greenbrier White Sulphur or any of the other mountain resorts now enjoy.

The water from the old spring is lithic, touched with sulphur, and is said to be wonderfully good for many of the ills that men and women, especially women, are heirs to.

A Century Ago.
A hundred years ago the spring was a great resort, and on the higher ground, just to the west of it, there were a hundred or more cottages of various sizes that were crowded with people every year from early spring to late fall. From say, about the middle of May to the middle of September or the first of October, these cottages were filled with happy, wealthy people, and Copperhaunk was a small city in the desert. There was no hotel, but the cottages were owned by private individuals—men of means who came from all parts of Tidewater Virginia and North Carolina, bringing with them their carriages, their servants and their rations, and made Copperhaunk their summer home. The city of summer cottagers numbered in the heated term of each year something like a thousand, and added to these were daily visitors from the surrounding country, which every day in the week swelled the crowd to about two thousand.

Business and Horse-Racing.
Peddlars and tradesmen came to Copperhaunk from all parts of the country to sell to the summer population commissaries and all manner of good things to eat. Wagons came from Richmond and Norfolk and Petersburg used to do a good business in this way.

There was a splendid race-track at Copperhaunk, and nearly all of the wealthy cottagers of yore olden time owned fast horses which they did not fail to bring along, and horse-racing was the principle amusement of the time. Legendary lore hereabouts tells us that thousands upon thousands of dollars changed hands every year on the race-course at Copperhaunk, and yet, it is said, there was never a horse

nay, the building of the railways and the opening up of the mountains resorts were the death of old Copperhaunk as a resort, and in time the cottages rotted down, the race-track was plowed up and made a peach patch, and the old-time, oneering circus was no more at Copperhaunk.

Goes On Forever.
But the spring flowed on, and will flow on forever, affording relief to a few people who still believe in and drink its waters for indigestion and some other ills that flesh is heir to.

In the course of time the late Colonel John Quincy Adams Holt, one of the best-known citizens of Sussex county, became the owner of the tract of land upon which is Copperhaunk Spring. He intended to build a hotel at the place, advertise the curative properties of the waters, and make it again a resort for the unhealthy and for the pleasure-seekers, but before he matured his plans death claimed him for his own, and a year or two later the spring was sold to a New York concern that makes a specialty of mineral waters and owns a number of springs in the Western part of the State. All of the water that is sold from the spring under the administration of this firm finds a ready market in Norfolk and New York, and is shipped hence in barrels.

Copperhaunk still has a reputation, but nothing like it had in the olden time.

F. S. W.

Fairmount News.

Mr. Cardwell, of Campbell county, is stopping with Mrs. Mary Lawrence during the reunion.

Mr. D. E. Pollard, of Sanders, Texas, brother of Mr. Charles Pollard, of Twenty-second Street, has been stopping with his brother during the reunion. This is his first visit here for sixteen years, and he has been kept busy shaking hands and renewing old acquaintances.

Miss Ethel Cardwell, of Farmville, is stopping with friends in the city.

Mr. Thomas Percy Gentry and his daughter, Miss Ella Gentry, of Charles City county, are in the city, as the guest of Mrs. Ella R. Hainey and other relatives during the reunion.

Mr. Babcock, of Campbell county, is in the city attending the reunion. He is the father of Rev. J. O. Babcock, a former pastor of Fairmount Methodist

spending the winter and spring months with relatives in Chesterfield county, was the guest of her niece, Mrs. Huell Walker, recently.

Miss Doris Atkins has returned from a visit to her grandmother, Mrs. Vincent, at Shenandoah, where she is her to.

Miss Mollie Rumquest, who has been under treatment at the Shelters Arms Hospital for several weeks, has returned home much improved.

Miss Vermellera has returned from a visit to friends at Gladstone.

Mr. Frank Putze, of Henrico county, visited relatives in Fairmount during the week.

Mrs. E. C. Cherry and Miss Cora White, of Elizabeth City, N. C., are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. W. P. Fletcher, of 1103 North Twenty-second Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Mitchell have moved to Brookland Park, much to the regret of their many friends here, where they have lived for several years. Their little son, Master James Mitchell, who has been ill for the past nine months, is now recovering rapidly.

Little Miss Earle Livesey is visiting her cousin, Miss Margaret Rose, of Henrico county.

A quiet marriage took place at the Methodist parsonage Monday morning at 11 o'clock, when Miss Lela Newby became the bride of Mr. William M. Briel. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Hugh J. Paylor. Both the young people are popular in the East End. They will make their future home at 1512 North Twenty-fourth Street, where they will be glad to welcome their friends.

Mr. S. M. Gregory will give a piano and violin concert and entertainment at the Town Hall, June 6th, for the benefit of the Fairmount Council.

Mr. William Sickle left a few days ago for Harrisburg, Pa., to visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. R. D. Beadles, wife of Rev. R. B. Beadles, continuing quite ill in her home on Twenty-second Street.

Mr. W. T. McDowell has returned home from a trip to Norfolk and the Jamestown Exposition.

Mr. George Smith, of Hanover county, was in Fairmount during the week on account of the death of his brother, Mr. Eddie Smith.

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